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AGRICULTURAL CENSUS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the last agricultural census conducted in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to conduct another census in the near future;

(c) if so, the time by which the census is likely to be conducted;

(d) if not the reasons therefor;

(e) whether comprehensive land records are not available with various States; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The last quinquennial agricultural census was conducted in the country with reference to agricultural year 1995-96 (July-June). Through agricultural census data on number and area of Operational Holdings according to size-class, category (marginal, small, semi-medium, medium and large), type (individual, joint and institutional), social groups (SC, ST & Others), gender,tenancy status and terms of leasing, cropping pattern and irrigation status, are collected using the administrative machinery of State Governments. Data of Agricultural Census 1995-96 have been finalized for most of the States/UTs. The all India results would be released as soon as the data are finalized for the remaining States/UTs.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): The States/UTs have already been requested to undertake the Seventh Agricultural Census with reference year 2000-01.

(e) & (f): Land and its management is under the exclusive legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the States. The system of land records is prevalent in most of the States of the Country, except some North Eastern States where Cadastral Survey, has not been done and no land record exists.